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FOL IS TEXT MESSAGE FROM SYG TO PRESIDENT SENT TO STEVENSON
FOR TRANSMITTAL:

"I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL BE SO GOOD AS TO CONVEY
URGENTLY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA: 'I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS TO ADDRESS AN URGENT APPEAL TO YOU IN THE PRESENT
CRITICAL SITUATION. THESE REPRESENTATIVES FEEL THAT IN THE
INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY ALL CONCERNED
SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH MAY AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION
AND BRING WITH IT THE RISK OF WAR. IN THEIR VIEW IT IS IMPORTANT
THAT TIME SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ENABLE THE PARTIES CONCERNED
TO GET TOGETHER WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PRESENT CRISIS
PEACEFULLY AND NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN THE CARIBBEAN.
THIS INVOLVES ON THE ONE HAND THE VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF THE
QUARANTINE MEASURES INVOLVING THE SEARCHING OF SHIPS BOUND FOR
CUBA. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION FOR A PERIOD
OF TWO TO THREE WEEKS WILL GREATLY EASE THE SITUATION AND GIVE
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TO FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. IN THIS CONTEXT I
SHALL GLADLY MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTIES FOR WHATEVER
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I HAVE SENT AN IDENTICAL MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL
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